

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 20-A: EDUCATION
Chapter 211: ATTENDANCE

§5161. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW).]

1. Academic programming waiver. "Academic programming waiver" means an agreement signed by the receiving and sending schools accepting the academic programming, credits and documentation of achievement of the standards completed by a student at the receiving school or educational program.

[2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW) .]

1-A. Academic programming agreement. "Academic programming agreement" means an agreement between an interim program and a responsible school through which the responsible school agrees to accept the academic programming, credits and documentation of achievement of standards completed by a student in the interim program.

[2013, c. 439, §6 (NEW) .]

2. Department of Education diploma. "Department of Education diploma" means a diploma awarded under section 257-A.

[2013, c. 439, §7 (RPR) .]

2-A. Education disruption. "Education disruption" means disruption of the educational program of an elementary or secondary school student as a result of:

A. Homelessness or foster care placement; [2013, c. 439, §8 (NEW) .]

B. Absence for 10 or more consecutive school days due to placement in an interim program; or [2013, c. 439, §8 (NEW) .]

C. Enrollment in 3 or more schools or educational programs in a single school year. [2013, c. 439, §8 (NEW) .]

"Education disruption" does not include an absence for 10 or more consecutive school days as a result of a planned absence for a reason such as a family event or a medical absence for a planned hospitalization or recovery or pursuant to a superintendent's determination developed in accordance with section 5205, subsection 2.

[2013, c. 439, §8 (NEW) .]

3. Interim placement. "Interim placement" means a temporary assignment for a student who experiences education disruption to a program or school approved by the department.

[2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW) .]

3-A. Interim program. "Interim program" means:

A. A youth development center; [2013, c. 439, §9 (NEW) .]

B. A hospital or other facility for the purpose of unplanned medical or psychiatric treatment; or [2013, c. 439, §9 (NEW) .]

C. Any other program or school approved by the department, except a program or school in which a student is placed pursuant to an individual education plan or a superintendent transfer under section 5205. [2013, c. 439, §9 (NEW).]

[2013, c. 439, §9 (NEW) .]

4. Learning results. "Learning results" means the system of learning results established pursuant to section 6209.

[2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW) .]

5. Receiving school. "Receiving school" means the school or educational program that a student who experienced education disruption presently attends following an interim placement.

[2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW) .]

5-A. Responsible school. "Responsible school" means the school responsible for developing or updating a school work recognition plan.

[2013, c. 439, §10 (NEW) .]

6. School work recognition plan. "School work recognition plan" means a written plan that outlines how a student who is experiencing, or who has experienced, an education disruption will make and demonstrate progress toward achievement of learning results.

[2013, c. 439, §11 (RPR) .]

7. Sending school. "Sending school" means the school in which a student who experienced education disruption was enrolled at the time of the disruption.

[2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW) .]

8. Statewide review team. "Statewide review team" means a team designated by the commissioner to address any disputes by means of a review of the compiled evidence including transitional academic reports, school work recognition plans, academic programming waivers, credits, transfers, transcripts or acceptance of student work demonstrating achievement of learning results and any other diploma requirements applicable to secondary school students. The statewide review team shall use the evidence to make recommendations to the commissioner regarding the award of a Department of Education diploma to the student and to provide the sending school with a copy of the recommendations.

[2007, c. 451, §6 (NEW) .]

9. Students who experience education disruption.

[2013, c. 439, §12 (RP) .]

10. Student. "Student" means an elementary school or secondary school student.

[2013, c. 439, §13 (NEW) .]

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